



Office of the City Manager
City of Frisco, Texas

Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor Maso and Members of the Frisco City Council

cc: George Purefoy, City Manager
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From: Ben Brezina, Contract Administrator / Assistant to the City Manager

Date: November 2, 2010

Subject: Consider and act upon approval of a Resolution opposing plans by Oncor Electric Delivery Company, LLC, to construct electric transmission lines south of Lake Ray Roberts, relating to the competitive renewable energy zone (CREZ) project in Collin, Cooke, Denton, and Grayson Counties. (CMO/BB)

Action Requested: City Council consideration and approval of a Resolution opposing plans by Oncor Electric Delivery Company, LLC, to construct electric transmission lines south of Lake Ray Roberts, relating to the competitive renewable energy zone (CREZ) project in Collin, Cooke, Denton, and Grayson Counties.

Background Information The City was recently notified of Oncor's proposed routes for the construction a new 345Kv transmission line to be located in Collin, Cooke, Denton, and Grayson Counties, titled West Krum to Anna CREZ. The project is intended to allow for delivery of power produced from wind generators located in West Texas and the Panhandle in Competitive Renewable Energy Zones (CREZ) to load centers throughout the state. The propose connecting load center is located just south of Weston, TX, approximately 20 miles northeast of Frisco.

Oncor has distributed maps of the four county areas showing the location of the preferred transmission line route and numerous alternate transmission line routes. The preferred transmission line route currently runs west to east, just to the south of Celina. The Alternate T5 transmission line is shown to run west to east along the south side of US 380.

The City is in strong opposition to any proposed route running south of Lake Ray Roberts, especially the T5 Alternate line that runs along the south side of US 380 through Denton and Collin Counties. The T5 Alternate line will directly impact major retail centers located along the US 380 intersections at the FM 423, Dallas North Tollway, and Preston Road, among others. A Transmission line of this magnitude will thwart and obstruct potentially the largest property tax and sales tax generating developments within the entire four county proposed line location area.

Furthermore, the City of Frisco has already given up considerable Right-of-Way to accommodate the widening of US 380, as the highway will be widened to the south due to a large, 72" water transmission line belonging to the city of Irving already located to the north of US 380.

The City has aligned itself with the City of Celina, Town of Prosper, and Prosper ISD in an effort to combat all proposed transmission line routes that run to the south of Lake Ray Roberts. The City has authorized the law firm of Lloyd Gosselink to represent out interests in this matter. The firm has taken the position that under no circumstance would they ever advocate for the T5 Alternate line, in other words, any other proposed transmission line location is favorable to the T5, due to the significant impact on commercial development along US 380.

Board Review / Citizen Input:

None.

Alternatives:

The alternative to approving a Resolution opposing plans by Oncor to build CREZ transmission lines south of Lake Ray Roberts is to not do so and risk the Public Utility Commission approving the T5 Alternate route and locating the transmission line on the south side of US 380 which will significantly impact Frisco commercial development along the US 380 corridor.

Financial Considerations:

None.

Legal Review:

The Resolution has been reviewed by Rebecca Brewer the City Attorney's office.

Supporting Documents:

- Ordinance
- Map of Oncor CREZ proposed transmission line locations

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Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of the Resolution.